

REMARKS

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103 or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

Claims 2-9, amended claim 1, and new claims 10-11 are in this application.

Claim1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In explaining this rejection, the Examiner stated that there is “insufficient antecedent basis” for the limitation “said comparison result” in line 18. It is respectfully submitted that amended claim1 overcomes this rejection.

Claims 1-7 and 9¹ were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,434,146 to Movshovich et al.

Amended independent claim 1 now recites in part the following:

“a selection circuit having a channel identification data extracting circuit for extracting channel identification data regarding a selected channel in said input packet data, a comparison circuit for comparing said extracted channel identification data with channel specifying data regarding a predetermined selected channel, and a packet data validity instruction signal generation circuit for outputting a packet data validity instruction signal indicating whether said packet data is valid or not based on a result of the comparing; and

...

wherein the selection circuit is operable to select as many as two channels of data from among the plurality of channels.”

(Underlining and bold added for emphasis.)

¹ It is believed that the Examiner intended to reject claims 1-7 and 9 under 102(e).

It is respectfully submitted that the portions of Movshovich relied upon by the Examiner (hereinafter, merely "Movshovich") do not disclose "wherein the selection circuit is operable to select as many as two channels of data from among the plurality of channels", as in claim 1.

Claims 2-7 and 9 are dependent from claim 1 and, due to such dependency, are also distinguishable from Movshovich for at least the reasons previously described.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Movshovich et al.

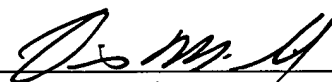
Claim 8 is dependent from claim 1 and, due to such dependency, is also distinguishable from Movshovich for at least the reasons previously described.

It is to be appreciated that the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art represent the present opinions of the applicant's undersigned attorney and, in the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where in the reference, there is the bases for a contrary view.

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